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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairs

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) convened the 5th meeting of the improved forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures.

2. The SBSTA and the SBI expressed their gratitude to the experts from both developed and developing countries, as well as from intergovernmental and international organizations, for their technical contribution to the in-forum training workshop convened from 30 April to 1 May 2018 on the use of economic modelling tools related to the areas of the work programme of the improved forum. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the workshop for consideration at SBSTA 49 and SBI 49 (December 2018).

3. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the views expressed by Parties and observers, contained in their submissions,[1] on the scope of the review of the work of the improved forum that will take place at SBSTA 49 and SBI 49.

4. The SBSTA and the SBI also took note of the in-forum discussions of Parties on the scope and process of the review of the work of the improved forum, informed by the submissions referred to in paragraph 3 above. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed on the scope of the review as contained in the annex to these conclusions, which serves as the guide for the review of the work of the improved forum.

5. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and observers to submit via the submission portal,[2] by 21 September 2018, their views on the work of the improved forum on the basis of the agreed scope of the review as contained in the annex, and requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report based on the submissions with a view to informing Parties' discussions on the review of the work of the improved forum noted in paragraph 3 above.

[1] Available at https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements.
[2] https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements.

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6. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to conduct a one-day review of the work of the improved forum in conjunction with SBSTA 49 and SBI 49 with a view to concluding the review of the work of the improved forum.

7. The SBSTA and the SBI noted that the decision on the forum serving the Paris Agreement will be taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at the third part of its first session (December 2018) as part of the Paris Agreement work programme, at which time the forum will begin serving the Paris Agreement. The SBSTA and the SBI also noted that the outcome of the review of the improved forum, as outlined in decision 11/CP.21, will inform the work programme and modalities for the forum serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. The SBSTA and the SBI further noted that at SBSTA 49 and SBI 49 Parties will identify new activities to implement the work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures.

Annex

Scope of the review of the work of the improved forum

I. Guiding questions on the work programme of the improved forum

1. How has the forum's work programme in the areas of economic diversification and transformation and just transition of the workforce, and the creation of decent work and quality jobs supported the functions and objectives of the forum as outlined in decision 11/CP.21?

2. To what extent has the work programme been effective in providing a platform allowing Parties to share, in an interactive manner, information, experiences, case studies, best practices and views, and to facilitate assessment and analysis of the impact of the implementation of response measures, on the positive and negative impacts and on ways to maximize the positive and minimize the negative impacts, with a view to recommending specific actions?

3. To what extent has the work programme been effective in focusing the work under the improved forum on providing concrete examples, case studies and practices in order to enhance the capacity of Parties, in particular developing country Parties, to deal with the impact of implementing response measures?

4. To what extent has the work programme been effective in addressing the needs of all Parties, in particular developing country Parties, informed by, inter alia, the assessment and analysis of impacts, including the use and development of economic modelling, taking into account all relevant policy issues of concern?

5. To what extent has the implementation of the forum's work programme facilitated the provision of recommendations to the subsidiary bodies on specific actions for their consideration, with a view to recommending those actions, as appropriate, to the Conference of Parties, beginning at its twenty-third session?

II. Guiding questions on the modalities of operation of the improved forum

6. How effective have the forum's modalities been in supporting the forum's functions and work programme?

(a) Technical papers;

(b) Submissions from Parties and organizations;

(c) Interactions with external experts and relevant institutions and organizations;

(d) Workshops;

(e) The ad hoc technical expert group;

(f) In-forum discussions as contact group;

(g) Review of the work of the improved forum every three years.